

**181041753**

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554**

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| Petition for Waiver of                  | ) |                            |
| FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline            | ) |                            |
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| Sharon Public Schools, MA               | ) | Form 471 Number: 181041753 |
| Billed Entity Number: 120512            | ) | and Number: 181041754      |
| FCC Registration Number: 0014059786     | ) |                            |
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| Schools and Libraries Universal Service | ) | CC Docket No. 02-6         |
| Support Mechanism                       | ) |                            |

**Request for Waiver**

In accordance with Sections 54.719 through 54.721 of the Commission's Rules, Sharon Public Schools requests a Federal Communications Commission (Commission) waiver of the deadline for submission of its Fund Year 2018 Form 471 Discounted Services Application #181041753 and #181041754.

Sharon Public Schools submitted and certified their Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471, #181041753 and #181041754, in the EPC portal of the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company's ("USAC") portal on March 23, 2018, just one day after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of March 22, 2018 for FY2018.

The district uses TECedge LLC (Consultant Registration Number 16052088), a small Massachusetts based E-rate organization, to ensure the timely filing of our Form 471 Applications. Unfortunately, this year Stephen Kelley, the principal E-rate analyst at TECedge, suffered a fall that required emergency brain surgery (craniotomy) to repair a life threatening-subdural hemorrhage.

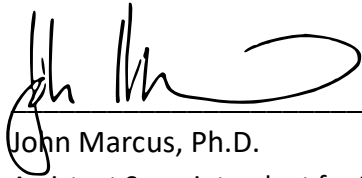
He was discharged from the hospital at noon on March 22, 2018. The late discharge did not allow sufficient time for him to complete and certify the application. TECedge's E-rate team had a second unforeseen crisis. A team member had a death in her immediate family with the wake on March 20<sup>th</sup> and the funeral on March 21<sup>st</sup>. See attachment with supporting documentation for details.

Consistent with precedent in Academy of Math and Science<sup>1</sup>, Sharon Public Schools respectfully petitions the Commission to waive the filing deadline to allow the Out of Window submission of our E-Rate Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 #181041753 and #181041754 due to the unexpected illness of our principal E-rate preparer coupled with a death of a second team member's immediate family. We further request our Form 471 application #181041753 and #181041754 be remanded back to USAC for a complete review and analysis as if it had been certified in a timely manner.

Denying our request will create undue hardship and prevent our otherwise eligible schools from receiving funding that they truly need.

Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact us immediately.

Respectfully submitted on April 3, 2018,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Marcus', is written over a horizontal line.

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<sup>1</sup> Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Academy of Math and Science et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 9256, 9259-60, para. 8-9 (2010) (Academy of Math and Science Order)